
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO WEAR ALOHA ATTIRE DURING FLOOR SESSIONS AND ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY TO ALLOW ATTORNEYS TO WEAR ALOHA ATTIRE WHEN APPEARING IN STATE COURTS.

1 WHEREAS, except for Aloha Fridays, the Legislature has
2 required its members to wear business attire during floor
3 sessions -- jackets and ties for men, and appropriate apparel
4 for women; and

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6 WHEREAS, attorneys are required to wear similar attire when
7 appearing in the courts of the State; and

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9 WHEREAS, the reality of business attire in Hawaii is just
10 the opposite -- jackets and ties have become the exception while
11 aloha attire has become an acceptable dress for most occasions,
12 including the office, where the wearing of aloha attire has not
13 detracted from the decorum or efficiency of the workplace; and

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15 WHEREAS, allowing legislators and attorneys to wear aloha
16 attire on a daily basis would not only be practical and
17 appropriate, given Hawaii's warm climate, it would also support
18 the State's garment industry by featuring locally made products;
19 now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2009, that this body is encouraged to allow its members to
24 wear aloha attire on a daily basis and during floor sessions;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary is encouraged to
28 allow attorneys appearing in state courts to wear aloha attire;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the
33 Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the



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1 Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the
2 Administrative Director of the Courts, and the President of the
3 Hawaii State Bar Association.
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